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SUBJ: GOC QUARANTINE OF PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM AFRICA

1. RMO DR. WILLIAM BROWN, ACCOMPANIED BY USINT PIT EMPLOYEE MRS. CLARKE W. ALLARD, MET 2 JUNE WITH DR. AURELIO MINOSO, DIRECTOR, CIRO GARCIA (DIPLOMATIC) HOSPITAL HAVANA, AND SPECIA-LISITS ON HIS STAFF. DURING COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANDMEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS, DR. BROWN ASKED WHETHER PERSONS RETURNING FROM AFRICA WERE INTRODUCING CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ON THE ISLAND. DR. OSVALDO FORNAT (STAFF GYNECOLOGIST WHO WAS TRANSLATING DURING THE MEETING) REPLIED THAT GOC HAD SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. HOSPITAL DIRECTOR THEN TOLD FORNAT (IN SPANISH) TO EXPLAIN TO DR. BROWN THAT EVERYONE RETURNING FROM AFRICA WAS PLACED IN A "SPECIAL INSTITUTE" ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUARANTINE AND OBSERVATION. FORNAT TOLD THE DIRECTOR THAT THIS EXPLANATION SHOULD NOT BE TRANSLATED FOR DR. BROWN, APPARENTLY FORGETTING FOR THE MOMENT THAT MRS. ALLARD HAS NATIVE SPANISH FLUENCY. SUBJECT WAS DROPPED.

2. COMMENT: WHILE QUARANTINE CLINICS FOR INCOMING ANGOLANS HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT TO USINT PERSONNEL BY NEIGHBORS, THIS IS FIRST INDICATION THAT SUCH FACILITIES HAVE ALSO APPARENTLY BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR RETURING CUBANS AS WELL. NO INDICATION OF WHAT PARASITES MAY BE INVOLVED.
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